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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE ON DRAINAGE FOR LOW-VOLUME ROADS IN
PHILIPPINES

REF: MANILA 12806

PLEASE PASS TO WILLIAM SOMMERS USAID/P

1. FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) WHO WOULD PROVIDE INSTRUCTORS FOR CONFERENCE ON DRAINAGE DESIGN FOR LOW-VOLUME ROADS AGREES THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO DIVIDE TRAINEE GROUP INTO TWO SESSIONS. PROPOSAL TO HOLD THE TWO SESSIONS IN ONE WEEK, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, IS ACCEPTABLE.

2. FHWA SUGGESTS ARRIVAL ON MONDAY OF PRIOR WEEK TO PERMIT AT LEAST ONE FIELD TRIP AS WELL AS MEETINGS WITH CONFERENCE SPONSORS IN ORDER TO FAMILIARIZE INSTRUCTORS WITH
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TERRAIN AND DRAINAGE CONDITIONS IN PHILIPPINES.

3. FHWA PROPOSES A THREE-MAN TEAM CONSISTING OF ONE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCY AND TWO FHWA INSTRUCTORS. FHWA REQUIRES A 45-DAY ADVANCE COMMITMENT OF FUNDING IN ORDER TO PROVIDE LEADTIME IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS. WILL NEED AT LEAST 6 WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE OF CONFERENCE DATES IN ORDER FOR

INSTRUCTORS TO PREPARE FOR CONFERENCE MATERIALS. DUE TO PRIOR COMMITMENTS EARLIEST DATE THAT TEAM COULD ARRIVE IN MANILA IS NOVEMBER 6, 1978.

4. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF MISSION, CONSISTING OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM IS \$8,300. REQUEST CABLED PIO NUMBER OR FUND CITE SOONEST.

5. ALSO NEED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON U P HYDRAULIC FLUME TO PREPARE FOR CONFERENCE: FLOW RATES, SLOPE ADJUSTMENT CAPABILITY, AND WHAT MODELS ARE AVAILABLE FOR DEMONSTRATION IN THE FLUME. ALSO SEND PHOTOGRAPHS OF FLUME.

6. PLEASE ADVISE FURTHER DETAILS AS SOON AS THEY ARE FIRM.

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